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RAJYA SABHA

Issue of Kisan Credit Cards in AP

792. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the banks that are issuing Kisan Credit Cards in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of insurance cover extended to farmers who have been given the Kisan Credit Cards and premium that farmers has to pay to be covered;

(c) what are the parameters fixed for fixing the credit limit to famers;

(d) whether any conversion for re-scheduling of loans has been done in the case of farmers of AP during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

External debt

793. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's external debt as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) what is Indian's internal debt as on 31 st March, 2007;

(c) whether it is a fact that external debt in terms of percentage of GDP is more than 16 per cent;

(d) what is the reduction in the external debt due to India Millenium Deposits as on 31st December, 2006; and

(e) what prudent external debt management policies that Government are pursuing to bring down the external and internal debt to manageable limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) According to the latest available information,